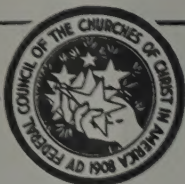


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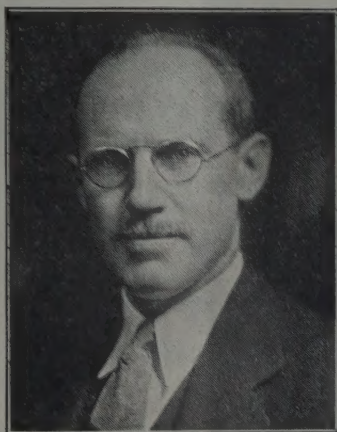
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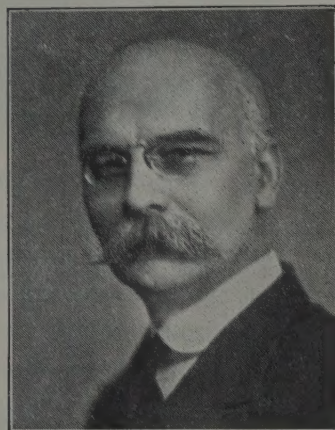
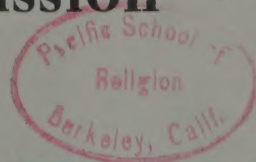


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Participants, left to right: Pastor Marc Boegner, President, Protestant Federation of France; Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard (Lutheran) of Denmark; the Archbishop of York (England); Dr. John R. Mott (New York); Mgr. A. Rinkel, Archbishop of the Old Catholic Church, Utrecht; Professor Berkelbach Van der Sprenkel, Acting President of the Oecumenical Council in The Netherlands; Dr. Adolf Keller (Reformed) of Switzerland; Archbishop Germanos (Eastern Orthodox) Metropolitan of Thyateira



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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

A Prayer for the Church Universal

O, God, of whom every fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, in whose earthly family there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, bond nor free, but only children standing in equal need and equally sharing Thy fatherly care, grant that Thy Church, being quickened by Thy love, may manifest to the world the unity to which Thou hast called it in the Gospel of Thy Son, and by the fellowship of His disciples bring healing to the world. Amen.

The Holland Conference Makes History

At the end of the Provisional Conference which met at Utrecht, Holland, last month to advance the movement for a World Council of Churches, the Archbishop of York said: "We have been led by the Holy Spirit; what has been achieved here is more than the doing of men."

The remark expressed the thought of all the delegates. Meeting under a sense of creative opportunity but conscious of wellnigh insurmountable difficulties, the representatives of widely diverse churches found themselves led into a unity of spirit such as is but rarely realized. By what seemed almost like a miracle of grace they came to a unanimous agreement upon the draft of a constitution to be submitted to the churches. They arrived also at equally harmonious decisions with regard to the interim measures to be taken in moving to the clearly formulated goal.

Unless all signs fail, the constitution will have

been ratified by enough of the 120 interested churches of the world to enable the first Assembly to be held not later than 1942, five years after the great conferences on Life and Work and on Faith and Order last summer. In the meantime, the coördination of the Life and Work and the Faith and Order movements should advance so steadily, under the plan of provisional organization, that many of the values of the World Council can actually be realized even before it has been officially constituted.

When the World Council comes into being it will mark the consummation of the movement for a world-wide coöperative unity of the churches which began at the great world missionary conference at Edinburgh in 1910. At that time a new consciousness began to arise that the churches were handicapped by divisions which they had not been making a determined effort to overcome. In the World Council the churches will for the first time since the Reformation have an adequate instrument through which to deal unitedly on a world scale with all matters of common interest. Since the World Council is expected to include not only Protestant but also Eastern Orthodox and Old Catholic bodies, (in fact, all great groups of Christians except the Roman Catholic), it will mean a more inclusive unity of a coöperative character than has existed since the division of the Church into the Western and the Eastern branches nearly a thousand years ago.

The World Council as now projected is de-

signed not merely to draw the churches together as they are but to equip them to be more effective servants of Christ in the world. A large place is therefore made for the most competent study of the great issues on which Christians must achieve a common mind as they confront the secularized civilization of the modern world. Sir Walter Moberly of England, in a challenging speech at the Oxford Conference, stated that the choice before the world is threefold. "Either the 'Crash' will occur; or the world will go Pagan; or there must be a genuine Christian revival." The first condition of such a revival is a purposeful and effective follow-up of the success achieved, in spite of staggering difficulties, at Oxford and Edinburgh. Through such a follow-up carried effectively into the life of the churches a real advance could be made in solving what Lord Lothian of England has well described as mankind's four main problems: the preservation of free institutions; the establishment of brotherhood through the ending of war; the reconciliation of the social ideal with individual liberty and initiative; and the spiritualization of education, literature and art. And he, as a layman and statesman, contends for a dynamic Christianity which recognizes the need of a vital theology—"Knowledge of God and of His plan for the salvation of mankind as revealed through Jesus Christ."

At the same time that the churches are carrying on these basic studies they will have in the World Council a central agency through which they will be able to act unitedly, on the basis of the unity which they already have, in a common witness to the Christian faith and in aid to the weaker churches or those facing special crises.

The Council will be a living symbol of the spiritual oneness which exists in the midst of diversity, and will be clear evidence that the Churches are not hopelessly sundered by national divisions.

There is abundant reason to believe that the historian of the future, looking back to the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences of 1937 and to the work of the Utrecht meeting in 1938, may record that this was one of the epoch-making periods in the entire life of the Church.

New Achievements in Unity

The achievement of Christian unity no longer seems a forlorn hope. More than most people realize, it is actually taking place. The last two months have witnessed two remarkable events, one in our own country and the other in France both of which afford high hope that still greater advances in unity will prove practicable in the not distant future.

On April 29, as the daily press has heralded, the reunion of American Methodism was assured by an overwhelming affirmative vote of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Two other great branches of the Wesleyan family—the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant—had already taken favorable action. The united Methodist Church will have nearly 8,000,000 members, the largest Protestant denomination in America.

During the same week, in France, a constituent assembly of four separate denominations was held which resulted in a decision to form a united French Protestant Church. The uniting bodies are three groups of the Presbyterian family—the Reformed, the Evangelical Reformed and the Free Evangelical—and the Methodists. The coöperative spirit developed in the French Protestant Federation during the last two decades had created a desire among these four churches for a closer unity than federation represented. The Baptists and the Lutherans are the only important Evangelical groups that have not seen their way clear to enter the new union. It is hoped that the large measure of united front now achieved will greatly strengthen the Protestantism of France, a minority group of about one million in a country in which the secularist attitude has long been strong.

A new mood is abroad in the churches—a uniting instead of a divisive mood. There is a deepened awareness of the fact that the very nature of the Church, as the one Body of Christ, requires unity. There is also a heightened realization that the world situation which confronts all the churches today is a clarion summons to unity.

When Faith and Science Meet

For many centuries the Christian Church has been dealing with persons, and as a result of its experience has formed convictions. On the theological side these convictions have been crystallized into the doctrine of man; on the practical side, into pastoral theology; on the devotional side, into usages of worship.

The modern study of personality development has come on the scene comparatively recently, but has been exceedingly active. It, too, has formed convictions, which have been crystallized to a greater extent than is commonly realized.

These two great bodies of conclusions and practice at some points complement each other, at other points unwittingly support each other, while at still others they are in conflict. There is more in common than is generally supposed.

One of the purposes of the Federal Council's new Committee on Religion and Health is increasingly to bring these two bodies of conclusions and practice into comparison and relation with each other. This indicates two main directions in which the Committee looks. First, it will seek to discover and demonstrate what may be gained by the religious worker from the findings of the modern study of personality development. Secondly, the Committee will seek to discover and demonstrate the relevance of the Christian view of man to the psychological and social sciences.

The initial emphasis will be on helping pastors and other religious leaders to discover what methods of modern study in personality have to suggest in the conduct of pastoral relationships. One of the Committee's first projects, as announced elsewhere in this issue, is a conference on "Christianity and Mental Hygiene." Various studies will be made; conferences, seminars, and study courses will be sponsored; and activities such as those of the Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students will be supported.

The resources of the Christian religion for work with individuals have scarcely been touched. It is doubtful if they can be utilized to the full without an understanding of the modern

knowledge of personality. It is the hope of the Committee that Christian faith and modern science can meet in such a highly significant way that men will "have life and have it more abundantly."

Christian Unity Gains a Visible Symbol

When Stanley Jones gave his last address at the Preaching Mission in Washington, D. C., in the Fall of 1936, a woman in attendance was inspired by his plea for Christian unity. She already knew what the Washington Federation of Churches was doing to effect an active coöperative unity, and had been especially impressed by its united ministry to the sick and lonely in the hospitals of the city. She concluded that it would greatly strengthen the forces making for Christian unity in the national Capital if the Federation had proper headquarters for its work. She therefore purchased a five-story residence, half a block from busy Connecticut Avenue, remodeled it and presented it to the Federation of Churches.

So today the Washington Federation of Churches has a splendidly equipped building of which all the Christian forces of the city are proud and which is a visible symbol of their movement toward unity. The ground floor contains a reception room, working offices and a room for prayer and meditation. On the second floor is a commodious conference room and a dining-room for interdenominational luncheons and dinners. On the upper floors there are living rooms, which, rented to residents, yield an income for the upkeep of the building.

The Washington Federation of Churches is the first city federation to have its own building as the center of the movement of Christian co-operation and unity. We hope that many another city may soon have a similar asset. Perhaps there are other generous Christian spirits who will follow the example of the Washington benefactor. In the midst of enthusiasm for co-operation on a world scale we need to realize that the crux of the problem is in the local community and that if unity does not exist there it exists nowhere.

Holland Conference Brings World Council Near

CLEAR-CUT progress toward a World Council of Churches embracing the Protestant, the Eastern Orthodox, the Anglican and the Old Catholic Churches of all nations, was made by the Provisional Conference held at Utrecht, Holland, May 9-12. Two major achievements resulted. First, a constitution for the World Council was drafted and without a dissenting vote approved for submission to the churches. Secondly, a "Provisional Committee" was created which is to carry on all necessary activities, coördinating the work of Life and Work (Oxford) and Faith and Order (Edinburgh), in the interim until the World Council of Churches has been officially constituted by the final action of the churches.

The conference in Holland was attended by eighty delegates appointed to represent the churches which had participated in the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences of last summer and desired to coöperate in bringing the proposed World Council into being. The conference was under the gracious and skillful chairmanship of the Archbishop of York. For four days there was a patient study both of fundamental principles and of practical procedures. In spite of divergent views on several points, the spirit of mutual respect and eagerness to understand one another was so strong that a completely unanimous agreement was reached both as to the constitutional basis and as to the form of interim organization.

According to the Constitution drafted at Utrecht, the World Council is to be "a fellowship of churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." Its functions are defined in the following terms:

- "(1) To carry on the work of the two world movements, for Faith and Order and for Life and Work.
- "(2) To facilitate common action by the churches.
- "(3) To promote coöperation in study.
- "(4) To promote the growth of ecumenical consciousness in the members of all churches.
- "(5) To establish relations with denominational federations of worldwide scope and with other ecumenical movements.
- "(6) To call world conferences on specific subjects as occasion may require, such conferences being empowered to publish their own findings."

The Council, it is agreed, "shall not legislate for the churches"; its purpose is rather to "offer counsel and provide opportunity of united action in matters of common interest." It "may take action on behalf of constituent churches in such matters as one or more of them may commit to it."

The Council is to function through two bodies: (1) an "Assembly," which is the highest authority, meeting once every five years, composed of not more than 450 members officially appointed by the churches; (2) a "Central Committee," composed of not more than 90 of those whom the churches have elected to the Assembly. According to the tentative allotment, 18 of the members of the Central Committee shall come from the United

States and Canada; 12 from Great Britain and Ireland; 22 from the Continent of Europe; 17 from the Orthodox Churches; 10 from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Isles; 5 from South Africa, Australasia and areas not otherwise represented. Six additional members, to be designated by the world confessional organizations (such as the Baptist World Alliance, the Lutheran World Convention, etc.), are allocated to "minority churches" which might not otherwise receive adequate representation. The members of the Assembly are to be allocated in the same ratios and in the same manner.

A noteworthy feature of the Constitution is the insistence that lay persons in substantial numbers, as well as clergy, shall serve on both the Assembly and the Central Committee. It is stipulated that approximately one-third of the representatives shall be lay, in order to secure the participation of those who are engaged in the areas of the common life and activity of the world in which the Christian religion must be made effective. Another significant feature of the Constitution is that it specifically defines lay persons as meaning "men and women."

In addition to the Assembly and the Central Committee there are to be commissions dealing with specific tasks. Two such commissions are provided at the outset—one to carry on the activities of Faith and Order; the other, the activities of Life and Work. The Commissions may include persons who are not members of the Assembly or the Central Committee. Members of the Commission dealing with Faith and Order (not necessarily of the Commission dealing with Life and Work) must come from churches that have the theological basis of the Edinburgh Conference.

The Constitution now goes to the Continuation Committee of Faith and Order for approval at its meeting in August, at Clarens, Switzerland. When approved by that body, it will then be officially transmitted to the churches of the world by the Committee of Fourteen, appointed last summer by the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences. Of this Committee the Archbishop of York (England) and Professor William Adams Brown (U. S. A.) are Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

There were 22 American delegates at the Utrecht Conference, as listed in the May BULLETIN, with an additional member from the Polish National Catholic Church of America, Bishop Jasinski, who was designated to fill a vacancy. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson served as Chairman of the subcommittee which submitted the draft of the Constitution to the conference. The full text is given on page 16 of the BULLETIN.

The plans for the Utrecht Conference were carried out under the expert direction of Dr. J. H. Oldham of London as chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

INTERIM ORGANIZATION

In order to insure the maintenance and the effective coördination of the activities of Life and Work and of Faith and Order until the World Council is actually set up, the Conference asked the responsible authorities of the two movements to endorse the appointment of a "Provisional Committee," which shall be responsible for the budget for ecumenical work during 1939 and 1940 and administer the funds so far as Life and Work or Faith and Order may desire the Provisional Committee to do so. All the arrangements and appointments made by the Provisional Committee are to be valid only for the interim period until the World Council is set up, at which time it is to make its own decisions for the future.

The Provisional Committee, as appointed by the Holland Conference, consists of the 28 members and alternates whom the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences designated to serve on the Committee of Fourteen, with opportunity for Life and Work and Faith and Order each to appoint three additional members for special service if so desired.

Following the Utrecht Conference, the Provisional Committee held an important meeting on May 13. It organized by designating the Archbishop of York as Chairman, with Pastor Marc Boegner (French Protestant), Dr. John R. Mott and Archbishop Germanos (Greek Orthodox) as Vice-Chairmen. Dr. Boegner will serve also as chairman of the sub-committee on administration. It chose as one of its General Secretaries Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, of Holland, the brilliant young leader of the World's Student Christian Federation. It invited the International Missionary Council at its Madras meeting in December to consider whether it would not allow Rev. William Paton, of England, one of its executives, to serve also on a part-time basis as one of the General Secretaries of the Provisional Committee. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, as Executive Secretary of the American Joint Executive Committee of Life and Work and Faith and Order, was elected Associate Secretary of the Provisional Committee.

The Provisional Committee projected a combined budget for the international work of the Life and Work and the Faith and Order movements totaling 200,000 Swiss francs in round numbers, approximately \$50,000.

At a meeting of its Administrative Committee following the Utrecht Conference, the Life and Work movement voted to place its present staff in Geneva—H. L. Henriod (Swiss), Hans Schönfeld (German), N. Ehrenström (Swedish), and R. H. Edwin Espy (American)—at the service of the new Provisional Committee and invited the Provisional Committee to administer the Life and Work budget. The decision of Faith and Order with regard to staff and budget will be made in August.

The Utrecht Conference officially recorded its desire for the closest possible coöperation with the World Al-

liance for International Friendship through the Churches, the Central Bureau for Inter-Church Aid, the International Missionary Council, the World's Sunday School Association, the World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations, the World's Committee of the Young Women's Christian Associations and the World's Student Christian Federation.

NEW BRITISH COUNCIL

Under the inspiration of the plans for the World Council of Churches, the churches of Great Britain are now engaged in creating a Council of their own which will serve both as a center of coöperation among themselves and also as the British unit in the World Council. It will embrace the Anglican, the Scottish (Presbyterian) and the Free Churches.

The plan is the outgrowth of a conference convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace on January 14, attended by about forty outstanding leaders of all the important Evangelical bodies. They proposed the formation in Great Britain of a "Council on the Christian Faith and the Common Life." Its functions are defined as follows:

"1. To help in rebuilding the bridges between the Christian understanding of life and the ordinary activities of men; and, to this end, to stimulate thinking and investigation on the relation of the Christian faith to the common life, to enlist the ablest minds in the fulfilment of this task and to make the results available for the Churches.

"2. To provide means of consultation between the Churches and to facilitate through such consultation parallel or common action by the Churches in matters of common interest.

"3. To coöperate with the World Council of Churches, if it is formed, in such tasks as it may undertake and in furthering all efforts to awaken among Christians a sense of the Church of Christ as a universal society, to which the evangelization of the world is committed by God."

Already the General Assembly of the English Presbyterian Church has approved the proposal. Other ecclesiastical bodies are expected to act upon it in the next few months.

When the British Council is created, the British Churches—the Church of England, the Church of Scotland and the Free Churches—will for the first time have an official instrument for coöperation in study and for common action. It should mean to British Christianity what the Federal Council of the Churches has increasingly meant in America during the last three decades. It will put special emphasis on studying the bearings of the Christian faith on the concrete problems of the life of today.

University Christian Mission Next Fall

THE University Christian Mission, a united effort on the part of all groups engaged in Christian work among students, is to be conducted during the next academic year, beginning October 2. A week will be spent on each of thirteen campuses during the fall, presenting the claim of Christian faith and life upon the students.

During the early months of 1937, a joint committee was built up, on the initiative of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which has secured the complete coöperation of all the agencies working in the student field. This National Committee has a membership of twenty-five persons, appointed by the Student Departments of both the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations, the Student Volunteer Movement, the Council of Church Boards of Education and the Federal Council of Churches. The officers are: Dr. Mary E. Woolley, Honorary Chairman; Dr. John A. Mackay, Chairman; Miss Mary E. Markley, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Jesse M. Bader, National Director; Dr. Paul J. Braisted, Campus Secretary. The response from the colleges and universities to the proposal has been eager and gratifying.

Three campuses have been visited already this year—Ohio State University, the University of North Carolina and the University of Wisconsin.

The University Christian Mission will visit thirteen educational institutions this autumn, between October 2 and December 9. The total student enrollment on these campuses is approximately one hundred thousand. The program at each university will begin on a Sunday and conclude on the following Friday night.

The schedule for the fall is:

Oregon State College and Oregon State University (held simultaneously).....	October 2- 7
University of Washington.....	October 9-14
Colorado University and State Teachers College (held simultaneously).....	October 16-21
University of Kansas	October 23-28
University of Iowa.....	October 30-Nov. 4
University of Illinois	November 6-11
University of Nebraska.....	November 13-18
Tuskegee Institute and Alabama State College (held simultaneously)	November 27-Dec. 2
University of Texas	December 4- 9
University of Pennsylvania.....	December 5- 8

Forty speakers and special workers will participate in the program on these campuses. Dr. E. Stanley Jones is coming home from India to spend the entire autumn in the enterprise. Dr. T. Z. Koo of China is also expected to return to share in the Mission. Rev. Bryan Green, of London, a young Anglican who has done successful work in the great English universities, has been secured for seven weeks.

Among those in our own country who have already

agreed to participate are: John A. Mackay, Princeton, N. J.; Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Howard Thurman, Washington, D. C.; W. O. Mendenhall, Whittier, Calif.; T. O. Wedel, New York; Miss Frances P. Greenough, New York; Harry Cotton Columbus, Ohio; Albert W. Palmer, Chicago; A. J. Muste, New York; Arthur Kinsolving, Boston; Herrick Young, New York; George R. Baker, New York; J. Maxwell Adams, Philadelphia; Harry Stock, Boston; Miss Mary E. Markley, Washington, D. C.; Winnifred Wygal, New York; George A. Buttrick, New York; C. Leslie Glenn, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. C. P. Emerson, Indianapolis; Roland Elliott, New York; Gould Wickey, Washington, D. C.; Benjamin E. Mays, Washington, D. C.; Harry N. Holmes, New York; Richard C. Raines, Minneapolis; Roswell P. Barnes, New York, and W. H. Boddy, Minneapolis. Several others are being invited.

Paul J. Braisted, who has been loaned by the Student Volunteer Movement for part-time service as Campus Secretary, has just returned from a visit to many of the thirteen institutions, where he held conferences with the local committees concerning plans, program and preparation.

A retreat will be held at East Orange, N. J., on September 26 and 27, at which time those who are to participate in the University Missions will come together for prayer and conference. This group will include the speakers, members of the National Committee, members of the University Commission of the Council of Church Boards of Education and representatives from the universities which are to be visited.

The program on each campus will include a wide variety of contacts. The speakers will appear before the students in the classrooms upon invitation of professors. Public meetings will be held each evening. Visits will be made upon invitation to fraternities, sororities and dormitories. Discussion groups on special subjects will be held. Personal interviews will be carried on. Conferences will be conducted in denominational student centers and in Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association headquarters. Whenever possible, there will be a daily meeting of the faculty.

Evidence multiplies, in colleges and universities throughout the country, that the time is ripe for a fresh religious movement. Many students are seeking a controlling life-purpose and an inner satisfaction which they do not possess. Some seek light on the perplexing situation in which their lives are involved, concerned to know what Christianity is and what it has to offer. Many more are in a mood of vague wistfulness and are open to a vital presentation of the Christian message. Such a situation is a clear call to united Christian action and the University Christian Mission is the response.

World Conference of Christian Youth

A WORLD Conference of Christian Youth will be held at Amsterdam, Holland, beginning July 26, 1939. It will be attended by approximately 1500 delegates from all parts of the world. The quota allotted to the United States is 280.

The Youth Conference will build upon the work already done by the Oxford Conference on Life and Work, the Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order and the International Missionary Conference to be held in Madras in December, 1938. The central objective is to draw Christian youth together in a concerted effort to witness more effectively to the significance of Christianity and the Christian Church for the disordered world of today.

Rev. R. H. Edwin Espy, Secretary of the Ecumenical Youth Commission, which jointly represents the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work and the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, is directing the plans for the World Conference of Christian Youth. Other organizations which are sharing in the plans are the World's Student Christian Federation and the world organizations of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

A provisional study outline entitled "The Christian Community in the Modern World" has been written by Walter W. Gethman and Denzil G. M. Patrick, under the guidance of an international and interdenominational committee in Geneva. It outlines six studies as follows: (1) A Creed to Live By; (2) The Church of Christ as

a Community; (3) The Christian Community and the Social Order; (4) The Christian Community and Secular Sovereignties; (5) The Christian Community in the World of Nations; (6) Conclusion, What Next? The purpose of this study is to help Christian Youth groups to share in the process of spiritual and intellectual preparations for the conference. Copies are available for twenty-five cents.

A second study outline, written by a young American, Eduard F. Ouellette, is entitled "Ten Authorities Other than God Make their Claims upon Youth." These other "authorities" are science, nationalism, secular sovereignties, economic "laws," etc. The price is fifteen cents.

Another preparatory volume for the World Conference of Christian Youth is "That They Go Forward," written by Eric Fenn. Its purpose is to set forth some of the most significant issues and results of the Oxford Conference from the standpoint of the interest of Christian young people. It is available at fifty cents. All three of these publications can be ordered through the American Office of the Universal Christian Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The American participation in the World Conference of Christian Youth is being developed through the United Christian Youth Movement, Rev. Ivan M. Gould, Director, whose office is with the International Council of Religious Education, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

All Roads Lead to Columbus

As a result of the preparations which have been under way for the past twelve months, all indications point to a remarkable gathering when the International Convention on Christian Education meets in Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 3. The Convention has been planned on so broad a scale as to appeal to all thoughtful workers in the local church, whatever their specific interest may be. In addition to the general sessions dealing with the meaning of Christian faith and life in the world today there will be conferences on many special subjects.

The Convention is planned by the International Council of Religious Education with the collaboration of other interdenominational agencies. The staff of the Federal Council has accepted important responsibilities in connection with the conferences on evangelism, world peace, race relations, industrial and economic problems, family life and the significance of the Church as a world community.

Any who are interested in attending should send their registration fee of five dollars to the International Council, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

A City Church Inventory

In connection with the study of the city church during the coming year, as a part of the nation-wide program of missionary education, the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions have issued a brochure of thirty-two pages entitled "City Church Inventory," prepared by Dr. William P. Shriver of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions. It is a manual designed to help an average city church to make a self-appraisal of its life and service. The scope of the study covers four areas: "Our Church as a Fellowship," "Our Church in the Service of its Neighborhood Community," "Our Church Recruiting" and "Our Church and the Wider World." Under each of these headings there is a brief analysis of the major issues followed by a series of special questions aiming to help the congregation to discover the extent to which it is meeting its responsibility.

The manual covers the whole outreach of the local church, including its worship, its evangelism, its educational program, its relation to the family and society.

Copies can be had for ten cents from the Home Missions Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Labor Sunday Message

Printed copies of the 1938 Labor Sunday Message are now ready. The prices are: four cents for a single copy; \$1.20 for 100 copies; \$6.60 for 1,000 copies.

The experiment in format which proved so attractive to many local churches last year will be repeated this year. On request, quantity orders of the Message are available with the front cover-page left blank so that a church may print thereon its own order of service and announcements for Labor Sunday and distribute a copy to each member of the congregation. Individuals may then take home the Message for further study and reference. Prices for these blank cover-page copies of the Message are as follows: \$1.00 for 100; \$4.00 for 500; \$5.50 for 1,000.

The 1938 Message is church-centered, ties in with the Oxford World Conference reports and is particularly adapted for reading from the pulpit. On the back of the four-page folder is printed a special Prayer for Labor. A brief bibliography on the Church and labor problems will be supplied on request if a three-cent stamp is enclosed to cover postage.

New Book on Church Student Work

All who are interested in the work of the Church among students will welcome the forthcoming volume entitled "The Church Follows Its Students" by Professor Clarence P. Shedd, of Yale Divinity School. The volume is to be published by the Yale University Press on June 9, at \$2.50. It is a record, an appraisal and a forecast of the work of the denominations in the educational institutions in this country. Professor Henry P. Van Dusen, who has had wide contacts with Christian work among students for the last twenty years, says of Dr. Shedd's volume: "I speak with restraint when I say that I am profoundly impressed by and most enthusiastic about the job which Professor Shedd has accomplished. The amount of factual research which has been gathered into the volume is prodigious. His evaluations of contemporary problems and trends toward the future seem to me extraordinarily acute and sound."

Professor Shedd's volume will be reviewed in an early issue of the BULLETIN.

Annual Meeting on Evangelism

The annual meeting of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism will be held on June 17 at the headquarters of the Council under the chairmanship of Dr. George A. Buttrick. Plans for the University Christian Mission next fall and for other important aspects of the cooperative program in evangelism will be considered.

A special guest for the day will be Dr. Frederick W. Norwood, of London, the distinguished English minister

who was for several years pastor of the City Temple and who is now engaged in interdenominational work under the auspices of the Evangelical Free Church Council.

Churches to Study Social Work

Miss Margaret Bondfield, former Minister of Labor of Great Britain, is to speak on Religion and Labor at the Church Conference of Social Work, Seattle, June 26-July 1. She will address a joint luncheon in which the Episcopal Social Work Conference, the National Board of the Y.W.C.A., and the Church Conference of Social Work will participate.

Another topic of keen interest which will be treated at Seattle is in the field of civil liberties. This meeting will be held jointly by the Episcopal Social Work Conference and the Church Conference of Social Work and will have as its speaker Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parsons, on the theme, "The Church's Function in Defending Civil Liberties." Bishop Huston and also other eminent speakers from East and West will make the program a vital one.

Dr. Worth M. Tippy, who has long been the leader in the Church Conference of Social Work and is this year the annual president of that organization, will preside at most of the meetings and will himself give two addresses. In one of them he will report on his recent very significant experience in Washington, D. C., in working out a new method of cooperation between the churches and the social agencies. The Association of Church Social Workers will also hold its annual meeting in connection with the Church Conference.

All persons interested in helping to promote the social work of the churches are invited to become members of the Church Conference whether they can attend or not. Further information may be secured from its Secretary, L. Foster Wood, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Religious Drama Contest

A prize of \$200 is offered by the Religious Drama Council of the Greater New York Federation of Churches for the best peace play. A second prize of \$100 and a third prize of \$50 are also offered in connection with the same contest. The contest closes July 1, 1938. The plays submitted must be one-act, the playing time not to exceed one hour, and must deal with the subject of peace and be suitable for production by church groups. More detailed information can be secured from the Religious Drama Council, 71 West 23rd St., New York.

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Ecumenical Seminar in Geneva

Under the direction of Dr. Adolf Keller, well known to American Christians for his work in the Central Bureau for Inter-Church Aid, an "Ecumenical Seminar" is to be held again this summer in Geneva, Switzerland, from July 25 to August 10. The lecturers will include Professor Martin Dibelius and Dr. Hans Lilje of Germany; Professor Leeuw and Dr. Visser 't Hooft of Holland; Dr. Peter Barth, Pastor Thurneysen and Dr. Keller of Switzerland; Professor Zankow of Bulgaria; the Dean of Exeter, England; Professor Wilhelm Pauck of Chicago, Ill., and President George W. Richards of Lancaster, Pa. Americans who are to be in Europe and would like to participate are invited to correspond with Dr. Keller, 52 rue des Paquis, Geneva, Switzerland.

Film on Modern Penology

The issue of *The March of Time* released on April 15 is to be commended for its presentation of modern penology. Though chain gangs, rock piles and debilitating idleness still exist in many prisons, the film shows that great strides are being taken in the direction of rehabilitating offenders as well as in crime prevention.

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Although credit is given to J. Edgar Hoover and others for their success in dealing with "public enemies," the picture demonstrates that at least eighty per cent of those committed to prison are mere "novices in crime," and that under proper treatment, such as is given in the Federal and some state institutions, they can be made into useful citizens.

Essays on Christ and World Friendship

Through the Zelah Van Loan World Friendship Award an international friendship competition for youth on the subject "Christ and World Friendship" is again announced. The competition is open to young people of both sexes and from all countries of the world. The competitors will be divided into two groups. The senior group, made up of those between eighteen and twenty-two years of age, will write upon the subject, "The Christian Bases of Peace." The junior group, made up of those between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, will write upon the subject, "The Special Contribution of Christians to Peace." All essays must be dispatched before August 31, 1938. In America they may be sent to the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, 70 Fifth Ave., New York, from which detailed information can be secured. The essays must be not less than 1,000 words in length and not more than 2,200. The first prize is 500 Swiss francs for each contest. There are also ten other prizes.

Is the Church Through?

A new pamphlet in the popular series which was brought out by the National Preaching Mission is a remarkable address by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church (M.E.), New York, entitled "Is the Church Through?" Originally delivered over the radio, the message made such an impression that it has been reprinted in popular form at a cost of 5 cents for a single copy, \$1.50 per hundred; \$12.00 per thousand.

Dr. Sockman points out the fallacy in assuming that because certain functions formerly performed by the Church have been taken over by non-religious agencies the Church is no longer needed. He shows that although there are many agencies for charity and relief the Church is necessary to foster the spirit of "charitableness." He shows that although great movements for health have been developed outside of the Church, even psychologists and physicians are pointing out that religion is a great factor in the maintenance of mental and bodily health. He makes it clear that although education is largely carried on outside of the Church, the Christian religion must still provide a basic element in all education, cultivation of moral purpose and spiritual insight.

Elected Bishop

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, minister of the St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, known to all readers of the BULLETIN as President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America during the biennium 1935-1936, was elected bishop on the first ballot at the General Conference of the Church held in Birmingham, Ala., early in May. Dr. Holt at the present time is Chairman of the Federal Council's Commission for the Study of Christian Unity.

Karl Barth on German Church

A brilliant interpretation of the "Trouble and Promise in the Struggle of the German Church," by Karl Barth, has been published by the Oxford University Press. The American Section of the Universal Christian Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, has secured a supply from England in order to make it available in this country. The price is forty cents.

England Invites

Readers of the BULLETIN who are going to England may be interested in the Holiday Fellowship Association, which maintains guest houses in various places, especially in the beauty spots of the country. Guests are welcome at modest rates (not more than \$14 per week) for a week's stay. A program of walking and social fellowship is provided in an atmosphere of charming simplicity. Guests come from many European countries. Americans are invited. Inquiry may be addressed to Miss Emily Bax, Women's City Club, 20 West 51st St., New York.

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NEWS OF STATE AND LOCAL COÖPERATION

E. C. Farnham Goes to Los Angeles

Rev. E. C. Farnham, General Secretary of the Portland (Ore.) Council of Churches, has accepted a call to become General Secretary of the Los Angeles Federation of Churches and will take up his new work about August 1. Dr. Farnham is one of the outstanding leaders in inter-church coöperation. His work in religious education in the City of Portland has attracted favorable attention throughout the country.

The Los Angeles Federation of Churches has lately been reorganized on a basis which now commands the loyal support of the leading churches of the city. A great advance in the spirit and practice of coöperation in the whole Los Angeles area is expected as a result of the reorganization and Dr. Farnham's leadership.

New Leadership at Boulder Dam

One of the most interesting local experiments in united Christian work is being carried on at Grace Community Church, Boulder City, Nevada, under the auspices of the Home Missions Council. Instead of launching separate denominational enterprises when the new community was built as a result of the plans for the great engineering project of the United States Gov-

ernment, a group of denominations joined in an inter-denominational undertaking which has met with marked success. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Stevenson, met a tragic death on Christmas eve when he was killed by a drunken driver. His successor is Rev. Harold H. Eymann, who took up his work at Boulder City last month. Mr. Eymann is a graduate of the University of California. He took graduate work at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, specializing in religious education. He goes to his new work from the Community Church at Saticoy, California.

North Carolina's President Becomes Bishop

Rev. William Walter Peele, of Greensburg, N. C., President of the North Carolina Council of Churches, was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the first ballot, at the General Conference held at Birmingham, Ala., last month. Bishop Peele has been one of the foremost leaders in bringing about the new spirit of coöperation among the churches of North Carolina.

The Life of an Executive Secretary

The annual report of Dr. E. A. E. Palmquist, Executive Secretary of the Phila-

delphia Federation of Churches, gives interesting disclosures of the manifold contacts of an interchurch secretary. During the past year he was the representative of the coöperating churches of the city at 71 public assemblies, including gatherings of as diverse character as the Central Labor Union and a reception to His Eminence Cardinal Dougherty. He gave 41 radio talks during the year and attended not fewer than 149 committee meetings, for most of which he planned the program. He served upon a Crime Commission appointed by the Mayor. All these relationships were in addition to his normal service to the churches of the city.

Toledo Has Juvenile Court Worker

Beginning on June 15 Miss Talma B. Stanley will represent the churches associated in the Toledo (O.) Council of Churches as their worker in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Miss Stanley is a graduate of Park College, Mo., and of the Presbyterian College of Christian Education in Chicago. She has had six years' experience as a case worker with the Chicago Relief Administration. The appointment of Miss Stanley is indicative of the ministry to neglected groups which is made possible by the united approach of the churches to such public institutions as

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the courts. It is safe to say that except for the existence of the Council of Churches the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Toledo would have no representative of the Protestant churches to which it could turn for assistance in cases coming before it.

The Toledo Council of Churches has already appointed Rev. R. F. Stoneburner, institutional pastor of the Lutheran Inner Mission, as representative of the Council as chaplain in the county jail. Mr. Stoneburner's services are made available on an interdenominational basis by the Lutheran Inner Mission.

Oppose Public Aid to Parochial Schools

Councils of churches in various parts of the country have been active in recent months in opposing proposals for granting public funds to private and parochial schools. The Ohio Council of Churches has led a statewide campaign against the proposal which has come up at several successive sessions of the legislature. The New York State Council of Churches has gone on record as greatly disturbed over the suggestion in the report of the President's Advisory Committee on Education that federal funds should be available in limited extent in the several states for private as well as public schools. "Such action," according to the New York State Council, "would tend to undermine the whole scheme of education in this country and open the door to inroads upon public funds by all kinds of sectarian groups."

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches has also voiced strong objection to the recommendation of the President's Advisory Committee on Education. It said that such aid would "be a step toward the union of Church and State."

Atlanta Council Urges Sympathy for Jews

The Christian Council of Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of April issued a remarkable document entitled "Our Christian Declaration in the Face of Jewish

Suffering." It was transmitted to all the ministers of the city with a request that it be read in the pulpit on the last Sunday in April. The statement said:

"We are pained as the fact presses in on us that nearly one-third of the Jewish race lives in constant dread of destruction, with all the attendant fears and humiliation. We are disturbed that a growing spirit of anti-Semitism is abroad in our world from which we are not altogether free in our beloved land.

"We would be blind to the realities of life did we not realize that our Christian attitude toward our Jewish friends is likely to be subjected to great strain. Therefore, we remind ourselves that between Christians and Jews exist all the ties of a common humanity; that we are children of one Father God. We acknowledge the Christian debt to the Jewish race, from which sprang our Saviour, Jesus, according to the flesh, and of which were the apostles of the Church. And with faithful Jews everywhere, we share a common heritage in the law and the prophets and the sacred writings. We express our deep sympathy for our Jewish friends about us, of whom many have relatives in the midst of cruel distress, and who themselves live in great concern lest this hatred of their race, which exists in many places, shall become world-wide.

"We propose to develop and maintain within our own hearts that Christian love which harbors no prejudice against any people. We declare to our Jewish friends our determination to resist every spread of hatred toward them. We call upon all Christians to seize this opportunity to bear a testimony of love, and upon all citizens to adhere to the principles of democracy upon which our nation is erected."

Statewide Council Contemplated in Indiana

On February 28 a conference of representative churchmen from Indiana met in the office of the Indianapolis Church Federation to study the possibility of a State

Council of Churches. A program of research was set up designed to answer such questions as the following: "Does Indiana need a state council? How have councils of churches developed in other states? What kind of an organization would be most adequate for Indiana?"

A committee headed by Prof. E. R. Bartlett of DePauw University is to carry on this study. The next meeting of the group will be held at Winona Lake on June 17. The initiative in the planning has been taken by the Indiana State Pastors' Conference of which Dr. C. A. McPheeters, pastor of the North Methodist Church of Indianapolis, is president.

Stanley Kendig Goes to Connecticut

Stanley Kendig, who during the past year has been general secretary of the Michigan Council of Churches and Christian Education, will soon become Associate Secretary of the Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education. The staff of the Connecticut Council is being enlarged in order to permit its General Secretary, Dr. J. Quinter Miller, to assume the direction of the Federal Council's Field Department. Mr. Kendig will give part of his time to the administrative responsibility of the Connecticut Council and part to young people's work.

Wichita Coöperation Shows Steady Progress

The problem of budget-raising is a haunting spectre for most coöperative movements but the Wichita (Kansas) Council of Churches this year had the happy experience of finding its budget completely secured one day before the campaign period ended. The budget for 1938 is \$8,750, a slight increase over 1937. A major item is for the program of Christian Education, including direction of the Weekday Church Schools throughout the city. Four thousand six hundred and ninety-five boys and girls were enrolled in the Weekday Schools last semester. A program of leadership training for workers in the Weekday Schools is conducted by the Council of Churches. The last session had a record registration.

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A Call to Youth

At the Young People's Conference held in St. Paul, Minn., last February, the opening service of worship used as a meditation the following poem by Thomas Curtis Clark, expressing the call of Christian service to young people of today.

You whose hearts possess a dream
You whose vision still is true,
Will you follow still the gleam?
Will you build the world anew?

Futile is the reign of hate,
Fated is the rule of gold;
On your deeds great issues wait,
Let your hearts with love be bold.

Vain are all the tools of war,
Vain the boastings of success;
These the dreams you battle for;
Faith and truth and righteousness.

Let who will despise your youth,
Let them trail your words in dust;
You shall conquer, with the truth;
In your visions be your trust.

You whose hearts possess a dream,
God is God; his word is true;
Follow still the luring gleam
Till the world is built anew.

Rochester Stimulates Youth to Work for Peace

The Youth Federation of Rochester, associated with the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County, N. Y., has aroused widespread interest in world peace among the young people of the churches by a Peace Poster Contest. The winning design, in the form of an arch into which different organizations for world understanding have been built, was worked out by Archie McLeod. The poster, together with an outline for an appropriate service of worship, has been sent to each of the churches of the county with the

suggestion that it be used in a youth service on Memorial Day.

Copies of the poster can be secured from Dr. Hugh Chamberlin Burr, executive secretary of the Church Federation, Temple Building, Rochester, N. Y.

United Christian Youth Camp in Illinois

For the first time in the history of Illinois a United Christian Youth Camp is to be held this summer. It is to be held on Lake Bloomington from June 6 to 11. The cost is being kept on a basis so moderate as to permit young people to attend without difficulty. It has been started through a representative committee of the Illinois Christian Youth Council. Miss Frances L. Blane will act as dean of the camp. Its purpose is to train young people in Christian leadership in their own communities. It makes a special appeal to young people who are about the age for denominational camps and who are in positions of leadership among young people.

One of the special purposes of the camp is to develop the plan for "Christian Youth Action Volunteers" a group of young people who have taken definite projects as their Christian responsibility for this summer.

The program of the camp is to be conducted upon a discussion basis and is to embrace such interests as relations in the home, youth in the local church, social relations, vocational opportunities and relations to the world community.

Temperance Plays for Youth

In response to the frequent request for dramas, suitable for young people, dealing with the liquor problem, Allied Youth (National Education Association Building, Washington, D. C.) recommends the following which can be obtained at thirty-five cents each: "A Net Is Cast," by Marion Wefer; "Wild Anarchy" and "High Hurdle," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson; "Peter Winot's Birthday," by Frances Dyer Eckhardt, and "Ill Wind's Turning," by George N. Hefflick.

New Haven Youth Study Vital Issues

A major event of the New Haven (Conn.) Youth Council this year was the holding of a short conference on the alcohol problem on a Sunday afternoon, attended by 200. A new venture, its reception was so enthusiastic that conferences of a similar nature are planned in the future. The program was held to four hours. The showing of the sound film, "The Beneficent Reprobate," was followed by a session for discussion, with the group divided equally into ten round-tables. Following this hour, the leaders of the groups, under the chairmanship of Fay Campbell, participated in a panel discussion, bringing to the total assembly the gist of the thinking of the various groups. Exhibits and a display of literature on the subject added to the effectiveness of the program.

Another conference of the Youth Council, held on Sunday afternoon, January 30, had as its theme the boy-girl relations problem. A local physician gave the two addresses. The first was followed by discussion sessions for boys and for girls in separate groups, where intimate questions were dealt with. After the banquet, ten round-tables were held to give the young people further opportunity, in still smaller groups, to discuss the problems.

A new and promising plan of organizational functioning has been developed. The forty or fifty youth groups in the city had for several years felt that the business organization of the Council was unrepresentative, being confined to an executive committee composed of only fifteen young people. The Council is now reorganized with what is known as the Youth Senate, made up of one boy and one girl from each group participating. The function of the Senate is to give expression to the interests and suggestions and criticisms local groups may have. A more immediate function is to serve as agents of publicity for Council affairs.

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Constitution of World Council of Churches

(As drafted by Utrecht Conference, May, 1938, for submission to the Churches)

I. Basis

The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of Churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. It is constituted for the discharge of the functions set out below.

II. Membership

All Churches* shall be eligible for membership in the World Council which express their agreement with the basis upon which the Council is founded.

After the Council has been organized the application of Churches to become members shall be considered by the Assembly or its Central Committee as it may be advised by national or confessional associations of Churches.

III. Functions

The functions of the World Council shall be:

- (1) To carry on the work of the two world movements, for Faith and Order and for Life and Work.
- (2) To facilitate common action by the Churches.
- (3) To promote coöperation in study.
- (4) To promote the growth of ecumenical consciousness in the members of all Churches.
- (5) To establish relations with denominational federations of world-wide

*Under the word "Churches" are included such denominations as are composed of local autonomous churches.

scope and with other ecumenical movements.

- (6) To call world conferences on specific subjects as occasion may require, such conferences being empowered to publish their own findings.

IV. Authority

The World Council shall offer counsel and provide opportunity of united action in matters of common interest.

It may take action on behalf of constituent Churches in such matters as one or more of them may commit to it.

It shall have authority to call regional and world conferences on specific subjects as occasion may require.

The World Council shall not legislate for the Churches; nor shall it act for them in any manner except as indicated above or as may hereafter be specified by the constituent Churches.

V. Organization

The World Council shall discharge its functions through the following bodies:

(1) An Assembly which shall be the principal authority in the Council, and shall ordinarily meet every 5 years. The Assembly shall be composed of official representatives of the Churches or groups of Churches adhering to it. It shall consist of not more than 450 members who shall be apportioned after the same manner and in the same ratio between Churches or regions as is proposed for the Central Committee. They shall serve for 5 years, their term of service beginning in the year before the Assembly meets.

The Assembly shall have power to appoint officers of the World Council and of the Assembly at its discretion.

The members of the Assembly shall be both clerical and lay persons—men and women. In order to secure that approximately one-third of the Assembly shall consist of lay persons the Central Committee, in consultation with the different areas and groups, shall suggest plans to achieve this end.

(2) A Central Committee which shall consist of not more than 90 members designated by the Churches, or groups of Churches, from among persons whom these Churches have elected as members of the Assembly. They shall serve from the beginning of the Assembly meeting until the next Assembly, unless the Assembly otherwise determine. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Central Committee shall be filled by the Church or group of Churches concerned. This Committee shall be a Committee of the Assembly. The Assembly shall have authority to modify the allocation of members of the Central Committee as herein provided, both as to the manner and as to the ratio of the allocation.

The membership shall be allocated provisionally as follows:

17, of whom at least 3 shall be lay persons, representing the Orthodox Churches throughout the world, allocated in such manner as they may decide;

22, of whom at least 5 shall be lay persons, representing the Churches of the continent of Europe, allocated in such manner as they may decide;

12, of whom at least 4 shall be lay persons, representing the Churches of Great Britain and Ireland, allocated in such manner as they may decide;

18, of whom at least 5 shall be lay members, representing Churches of the United States of America and Canada, allocated in such manner as they may decide;

10, of whom at least 2 shall be lay persons, representing the Churches of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands, to be appointed by them as they may decide;

5, of whom at least 2 shall be lay persons, representing the Churches of South Africa, Australasia and areas not otherwise represented to be appointed by them, such places to be allocated by the Central Committee.

and, not more than 6 members representing minority Churches, which in the judgment of the Central Committee are not granted adequate representation by the above provisions of this section, such Churches to be designated by the world confessional organizations.

The Central Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) It shall, between meetings of the Assembly, carry out the Assembly's instructions and exercise its functions, except that of amending the Constitution, or modifying the allocation of its own members.
- (b) It shall be the finance committee of the Assembly formulating its budget and securing its financial support.
- (c) It shall name and elect its own officers from among its members and appoint its own secretarial staff.
- (d) The Central Committee shall meet normally once every calendar year, and shall have power to appoint its own Executive Committee.

Quorum: No business, except what is required for carrying forward the current activities of the Council shall be transacted in either the Assembly or the Central Committee, unless one-half of the total membership is present.

VI. Appointment of Commissions

The World Council shall discharge part of its functions by the appointment of Commissions. These shall be established under the authority of the Assembly,

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whether they be actually nominated by the Assembly or by the Central Committee acting under its instructions. The Commissions shall, between meetings of the Assembly, report annually to the Central Committee which shall exercise general supervision over them. The Commissions may add to their membership clerical and lay persons approved for the purpose by the Central Committee.

In particular, the Assembly shall make provision by means of appropriate Commissions for carrying on the activities of "Faith and Order" and of "Life and Work."

Commissions in the field of Faith and Order shall conform to the requirements of the Edinburgh Conference.

VII. Other Ecumenical Christian Organizations

World confessional associations and such ecumenical organizations as may be designated by the Central Committee may be invited to send representatives to the sessions of the Assembly and of the Central Committee in a consultative capacity, in such numbers as the Central Committee shall determine.

VIII. Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been reviewed by the Central Committee, and notice of it sent to the constituent Churches not less than six months before the meeting of the Assembly. The Central Committee itself, as well as the individual Churches, shall have the right to propose such amendment.

AMONG THE BEST NEW BOOKS

Psychology and Religion

By CARL GUSTAV JUNG

Yale University Press. \$2.00

No book on religion since John Dewey's *A Common Faith* contains more potentialities for misinterpretation than this series of Terry Lectures. Just as several religious leaders at first hailed Dewey's book as upholding "religion," so it is conceivable that some may do with Dr. Jung's.

Like all of Jung's writing, *Psychology and Religion* is fascinating and suggestive. It deals more directly with some of the psychological and historical aspects of religion than have any previous works. Religion is considered to be "a relationship to the highest or strongest value, be it positive or negative." Religious experience is that "which is characterized by the highest appreciation, no matter what its contents are."

It seems to the reviewer that there are two types of thought trends in the book, necessitated by Dr. Jung's attempt to be both practically helpful and theoretically suggestive. The argument of the first trend is that religious experience should be judged on the pragmatic basis of what it does for the individual (in making "life healthier, more beautiful, more complete and more satisfactory to yourself and to those you love") rather than on the basis of whether it is true or illusory (only apparently a refutation of Freud's *The Future of an Illusion*). The second and theoretical trend of thought, with which the

author is peculiarly concerned, may be stated roughly as follows:

Man is more than consciousness, so much more, in fact, that consciousness is like a little island on the river of man's total psychic existence. Those elements of which we either see or infer the existence we refer to as the unconscious, not so much asserting that an unconscious exists as assuming that there are certain psychological functions which are not limited to consciousness. Observations (through dream analysis) tend to show that this unconscious has worked along the same general line of thought for hundreds of years, and therefore lead us to believe that "biological inheritance" is the agent by which certain "archetypes" of thought or function are carried on in the unconscious. The unconscious is therefore not so much an individual as a racial or collective concept. Certain contents which issue from "a psyche more complete than consciousness . . . often contain a superior analysis or insight or knowledge which consciousness has not been able to produce." Hence analysis of the contents of the unconscious is not merely a process of unearthing material of which one is ashamed, but may also be purposive in giving the individual forward-looking insights which have been unrecognized by consciousness. The method of analyzing the unconscious is through the dream, which "is just what it ought to be. It is not a disguise for something else." Through the analysis of several dreams, Jung points out how these and corollary basic theses tend to be proved.

A brief review cannot do justice to the

intricacy and brilliance of Jung's argument. Some will agree and others disagree with him on psychological grounds, but on those grounds he will be understood. The interpretative danger lies in attempting to consider him as a theologian, which he is not. All psychology can say about the existence of God is that there exists "an archetypal image of the Deity." All psychology can say about churches is to point out certain things which tend to happen to their members. This is a book on the psychology of religion, therefore, and not on the religion of psychology.

The most serious defect of Jung's point of view, from the outlook of contemporary religious scholarship, is his failure to take sociological factors into account in his analysis.

S.H.

Fifth Avenue to Farm

By FRANK FRITTS AND RALPH W. GWINN

Harper & Brothers. \$3.00

Messrs. Fritts and Gwinn are New York lawyers who live on farms. They are able to portray life in the city and in the country out of experience with both. They realize that for the nation as a whole there seems to be a supremacy of things urban. But like many other Americans they question the judgment of the majority in this respect. Today one finds few people who are proud of the way our urban institutions are functioning. There is more than a vague longing in the wish of people for "that little place in the country."

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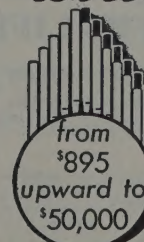
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for a revitalization of country life so that urban people and the whole race may be rejuvenated. More than most modern writers about country life, these men see an important cultural and religious function for the country church. More than any other institution perhaps, it may again teach men the art of voluntary coöperation and may also teach people to prize and seek the "highest of all values." The modern farm may have social dignity and may contribute to civilized living.

The closing words are a prophecy that the American people will rise and not decline through their increasing interest in that great institution, the farm. B. Y. L.

Opening the Old Testament

By MARGARET DULLES EDWARDS
Scribner's. \$1.00

Prepared especially for children of Junior High School age, this is an original and captivating presentation of the experiences and aspirations of the people of the Old Testament. It enlists the active interest of the child by inviting him to "complete the writing of the book" by filling in the many blank spaces after acquiring the necessary Biblical information or passing judgment on Biblical incidents. The diagrams, sketches, maps and charts have an imaginative quality which is sure to make a strong appeal to the young reader's imagination. Sunday-school teachers who desire more vivid materials and parents who want to make the Bible more interesting to children will be grateful to Mrs. Edwards for her unconventional and arresting treatment.

They Starve That We May Eat

Compiled by EDITH E. LOWRY

Council of Women for Home Missions and Missionary Education Movement. 35 cents.

This booklet is about the 2,000,000 wandering people who help produce and harvest the crops of the United States. Miss Lowry, Executive Secretary of the Council of Women for Home Missions, has had a rich experience in administering home mission projects that minister to these neglected people. Henry Wallace writes a foreword saying that the migratory laborers in agriculture have very low living standards and the churches have an important part in meeting their needs.

Church projects have been established in 13 states. There has been significant co-operation between the Church and governmental agencies during recent years. The churches have called upon local communities to meet their obligations to these homeless and landless people. This document enables one to have an understanding of the great need among the migrants, of the way churches have responded to meet the need, and of greater effort still called for.

B. Y. L.

The Art and Science of Marriage

By ESTHER B. TIETZ, M.D.,
AND CHARLES K. WEICHERT, Ph.D.
Whittlesey House. \$2.50

This book offers a general treatment of bodily functioning in relation to health with some application to marriage. Most of its chapters, however, except II and III have only a tenuous connection with the problem suggested in its title. Its treatment of tissues, glands, organs, bones, muscles, the circulatory, digestive, respiratory, reproductive and nervous systems and of the chemistry of the body is of such value as to justify its place in the Whittlesey Health Series. The book deserves a wide reading in its own field. L.F.W.

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